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**Amendments to the Claims:** 

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:** 

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1 Claim 1 (original): A trimmer comprising a cutting head having a guard housing a cutter

means, a shaft for supporting the cutting head, roller means rotatably mounted with

respect to the cutting head, and drive means for driving the cutter means, the roller means

being located outside the guard on the drive means side thereof, the cutting head being

connected to the shaft by connection means permitting the cutting head to be positioned

with its cutter means either substantially horizontal or substantially vertical, the roller

means being sized to contact the ground when the cutter means is substantially vertical

and to circumscribe the axis of the drive means, the arrangement being such that the

cutter means extends beyond the circumference of the roller means.

Claim 2 (original): A trimmer as claimed in claim 1, wherein the connection means is

constituted by a rotatable joint.

1 Claim 3 (original): A trimmer as claimed in claim 2, wherein the rotatable joint is

constituted by a ball-and-socket joint.

Claim 4 (original): A trimmer as claimed in claim 3, wherein the ball is fixed to the

cutting head by a neck portion, and the socket is defined by a generally spherical socket

portion provided at one end of the shaft.

- 1 Claim 5 (original): A trimmer as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the roller
- 2 means is a wheel.

Claims 6-18 (cancelled).